

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

April 10, 2003

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21—Relative to charter schools.

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SCR 21, as introduced, Aanestad. Charter schools.

This measure would proclaim April 28 through May 2, 2003, as California Charter Schools Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools operating on
2 the principles of accountability, flexibility, autonomy, and choice
3 for parents and teachers; and

4 WHEREAS, Charter schools, in exchange for flexibility and
5 autonomy, are held accountable by their sponsors for improving
6 pupil achievement and for their financial and other operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Charter schools are in demand. As of the fall of
8 2002 there were over 436 charter schools operating in California
9 serving 166,000 pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
10 inclusive; and

11 WHEREAS, Charter schools can tackle problems of low
12 academic performance and overcrowding. Many have
13 successfully tackled the problems of at-risk and low-performing
14 pupils, many times in urban areas; and

15 WHEREAS, Both Democrats and Republicans have embraced
16 charter schools as an important option to improving our education
17 system; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California

1 joins the California Network of Educational Charters and
2 proclaims April 28 through May 2, 2003, as California Charter
3 Schools Week and calls upon all Californians to observe this week
4 by recognizing the benefits of charter schools; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

